

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

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β A method of providing a practical extraction report language (PERL) to common object request broker architecture (CORBA) is described in co-pending U.S. patent application serial number 09/724,205, filed November 27, 2000, entitled, "Method and System for Allowing a PERL Application to Access a Distributed Object Via CORBA", by Zoller, attorney docket number CSCO 71519 and assigned to the assignee of the present invention, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The present invention is not limited to providing access to application programs 150 via an ORB 156. α

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